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**Whose Wellbeing? Whose Future?**

The protest had been organised by Climate Strike Bangor, a branch of the international movement inspired by the now famous Swedish school girl. The wind and rain had not put off thirty or so young people who skipped school that afternoon to try and make their views and presence felt. The idea for the coffin was ‘a bit stark’ one acknowledged but had been devised in order to express the abstract idea of a future loss in as dramatic and emotive a way as possible. ‘I am really worried I won’t have a future,’ the main event organiser, aged only seventeen, explained. ‘We decided to write Future Generations on the coffin because that’s something we hear about a lot in Wales ...’.

The Well-Being of Future Generations Act (2015) was designed to allow public officials the opportunity to think long term towards achieving a sustainable future, beyond mere short term financial gain. A guide to the act produced for young people promises that the Commissioner for Future Generations will ‘act as a guardian for your future’. It further compels public agencies to work towards seven connected well-being goals, usually pictured as segments of a colourful wheel. These include ‘a prosperous Wales’, ‘a resilient Wales’, ‘a healthier Wales’, ‘a more equal Wales’, ‘a Wales of cohesive communities’, ‘a Wales of vibrant culture and thriving Welsh language’ and ‘a globally responsible Wales’.

Together these present quite a lot of aims to combine through the mechanisms of devolved government, which provides some of the tools, though not all, towards their realisation.

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